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**CHAIRMAN HOLLOWAY SUBMITS FEDERAL STIMULUS
REQUEST FOR MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY**

Milwaukee, WI – Earlier today, Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway forwarded a separate Milwaukee County capital and infrastructure project to Governor Jim Doyle for possible federal economic stimulus funds. The project requests \$92 million for a replacement mental health hospital facility. Milwaukee County is in need of a new mental health facility to replace the current deteriorating facility on the Milwaukee County Grounds in Wauwatosa.

“It is important for Milwaukee County to be on the record to seek funds for a new mental health facility. I believe this facility should be located on the County Grounds to take advantage of the other health care providers that are in that area. Developing this new mental health facility is one of my top priorities during this term on the County Board,” Chairman Holloway said. “I thank Supervisor Peggy West, 2nd Vice Chair of the County Board and Chairperson of the Health and Human Needs Committee, and Supervisor Elizabeth M. Coggs, Finance & Audit Committee Chair, for their assistance in advancing this request to Governor Doyle.”

A 410,000 square-foot replacement facility would provide state-of-the-art treatment for individuals with mental illness and would use modern health care facility standards. A Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building would also reduce energy costs and environmental impact.

Yesterday, Chairman Holloway, on behalf of Milwaukee County taxpayers, submitted a number of projects requested by department heads and constitutional officers to take advantage of federal stimulus dollars for local government infrastructure improvements.

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